## United States District Court Eastern District of North Carolina Western Division No. 5:19-cv-248-BO

#### PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL FOUNDATION,

Plaintiff,

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KAREN BRINSON BELL, in her official capacity as Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections, and NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,

Defendants.

#### JOINT STATUS REPORT AND PROPOSED SCHEDULE

In response to the Court's June 10, 2021 Order (Doc. 39), the parties to this action hereby jointly submit this status report and proposed schedule.

The parties have conferred and report that they have begun to discuss a resolution to this action. The parties plan to continue negotiating in good faith. The parties respectfully request leave to provide an update to the Court as to the status of the parties' settlement negotiations within the earlier of July 30, 2021 or promptly after the parties have reached an agreement.

Dated: July 1, 2021.

#### Respectfully submitted:

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 1, 2021 I electronically filed the foregoing using the Court's ECF system, which will serve notice on all registered parties.

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